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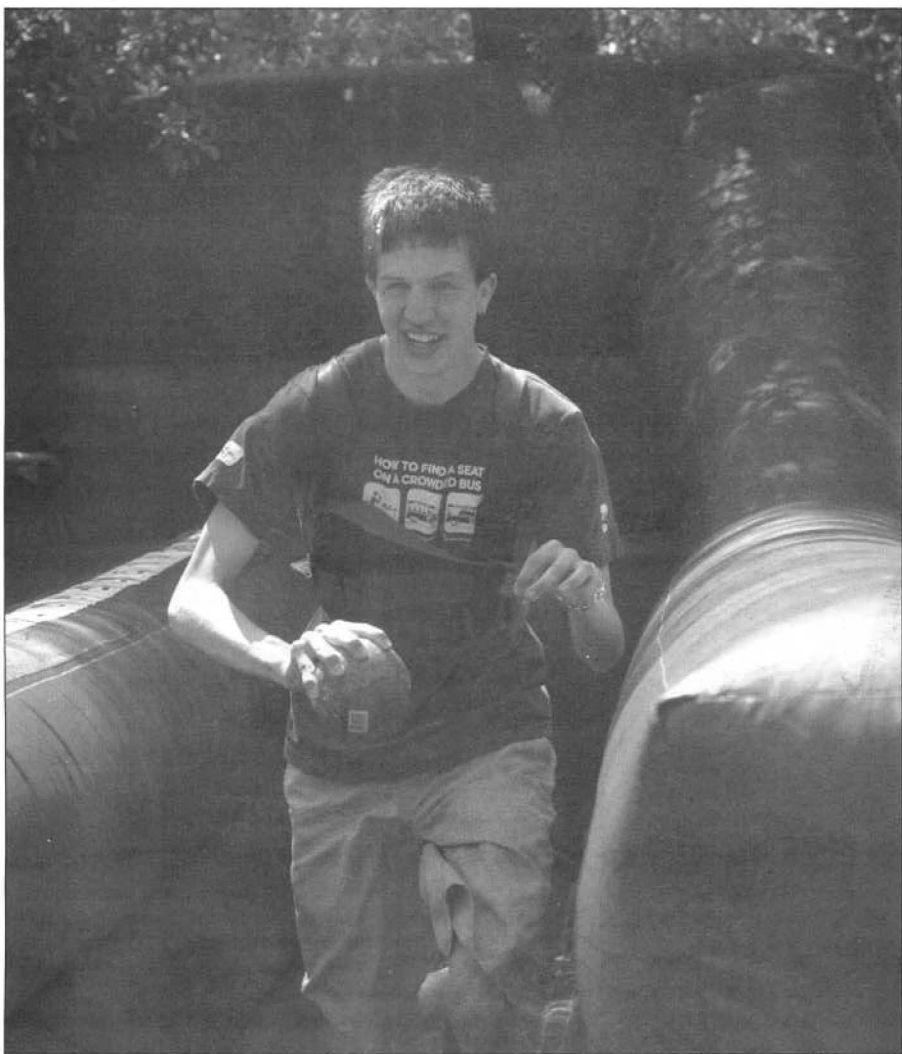
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UNTIL NEXT TIME

The Bison staff wishes the Harding community a happy summer. Look for a bigger version in the fall.



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Relaxation grab

Sophomore Josh Lawrence is snatched backward by a bungee cord May 6 in the Bungee Run, an inflatable game on the front lawn. The Campus Activities Board provided the games — human bowling, wax hands, boxing and others — from 2 to 6 p.m. for students to relax before finals began today.

College church minister named vice president, dean

KELLI OHRENBERGER
business manager

President David Burks announced May 5 that Bruce McLarty, pulpit minister at the College Church of Christ in Searcy, will join the university's administrative team as vice president for spiritual life and dean of the College of Bible and Religion.



McLARTY



COX

In addition, the university named Dr. Monte Cox associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Bible and Religion. Cox currently serves as the director for the Center of World Missions.

Both men will begin their new positions Aug. 15.

McLarty, who has served at the College Church of Christ for 14 years, will step down from his full-time position with the congregation.

"In searching my soul, I realized that the reasons I was interested in accepting this position [at Harding] were the very same reasons that brought me to the College church 14 years ago — the opportunity to change the world through working with university

students. Harding holds a very special place in my heart," said McLarty, who graduated from Harding in 1978 with a bachelor of arts degree in Bible and who holds a master of theology degree from the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis.

In his role as vice president for spiritual life, McLarty will oversee the undergraduate Bible program, Institute for Church and Family, Center for World Missions, Harding School of Biblical Studies and the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis. He will also be the liaison for spring break and international campaigns.

McLarty, who received the College of Bible and Religion's Outstanding Alumnus award in 1999, said he hopes to unite all of the programs, which currently operate independently.

"You might say that much of my mission is team building," he said.

Similarly, Cox, who received the Distinguished Teacher Award in 1999 and 2005, wants to place an emphasis on unity in his new position. He said he plans to specifically focus on creating a united faculty.

"I am working on hammering out a vision that we can all get behind so that we can click together as members of a team," said Cox, who received his undergraduate degree from Harding, his

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More changes

Officials implement new club system, policies after May 2 ICC meeting

RENEE LEWIS
student reporter

Social clubs will have more time to acquire new members in the fall than originally planned, university officials announced at an Inter-Club Council meeting May 2.

Dustin Vyders, student activities coordinator, said the university announced at an April 26 ICC meeting that the club orientation process would end Oct. 5. However, after further discussion of the time issue with the ICC, officials decided to push the process back to the first full week of November, the same as this year's process.

"After meeting with the ICC, [we know] time is important to them," Vyders said. "Originally, everything was scrunched because we started at Daylight Savings and worked back because that was one of the things they didn't like this year — having activities so late in the dark."

Vyders and David Collins, assistant dean of students, said Club Week, Induction Week's replacement, will be Nov. 6-11 instead of Oct. 2-5, giving social clubs the full week back.

"A lot of clubs wanted [the full week back]," Vyders said. "Their traditional activities start the first night and build each day. Friday night is a culmination of it."

Other changes from the original plan include having open houses instead of the club fair, a longer mixer process and a longer visitation process. Social clubs also have the option of hosting a fourth mixer between round one and round two. Vyders said the optional at-large mixer weeks, beginning Sept. 19, allow social clubs to have an optional open invitation mixer.

As originally planned, new members will be considered Class I members when they receive their bids Nov. 6. Collins said the work for Class I status will be done before Bid Day, as opposed to the work occurring during Induction Week.

"... Newcomers [will earn] their way into the clubs in front of the bid," Collins said. "After the bid, there will be activities that will be planned by the clubs to bring those members into the culture of the club."

Vyders said the university has planned a system that will allow more work before bids

are distributed. He said a lot of that work is planned for Visitation Week. With the possibility of a visitation book, similar to Induction books, social club hopefuls need to put more effort into getting to know club members before Bid Day, Vyders said.

Visitation, scheduled for Oct. 9-16, is before round-three mixers, which will occur the week of Oct. 24. Vyders said Visitation Week has the potential to be more meaningful this year.

"Based on their progress and how much they complete of that [visitation] book, the clubs can vote on who did the most work to invite them to round-three mixers," Vyders said. "It's more work pre-bid."

Vyders said many social club officers met with him and Collins last week to discuss how to implement traditions into Club Week.

"Opinions are mixed," Vyders said. "The students that come to talk to us about the new process are frustrated at first, but once we explain the goals, they get it."

Sophomore Kristen Baker, Ju Go Ju vice president-elect, said she met with Collins last week to figure out how to make the system work for her social club. "The reasons and motives are valid," Baker said. "... [Collins] is very open to our suggestions. He sees the bigger picture that we don't see."

While she believes the new process will be more difficult on officers, Baker said Ju Go Ju is prepared to incorporate these changes into their traditions.

"It's going to take creativity," Baker said. "We're going to have to make it work."

Junior Matt Eastridge, who served as Chi Sigma Alpha's president this year, said leaders need to prepare for this change and be willing to take it on with positive attitudes.

"As leaders we have a responsibility," Eastridge said. "These guys in the club have picked us for a reason. They'll listen to us. They'll portray the attitude we display." ■

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KRISTEN BAKER,
SOPHOMORE, JU GO JU VICE
PRESIDENT-ELECT

FALL 2005 SOCIAL CLUB CALENDAR

•Aug. 25, 4 p.m.: Inter-Club Council meeting.

•Aug. 25, 5:30 p.m.: Sponsor dinner.

•Aug. 29, 7 p.m.: Interest session.

•Aug. 29, 9 p.m.: All-club meeting in the Benson Auditorium. All club members are required to attend this informational meeting. Regular club meetings will happen after the meeting in the Benson.

•Aug. 30: Open House 1.

•Sept. 1: Open House 2.

•Week of Sept. 12: Round-one mixers. Open invitation.

•Weeks of Sept. 19 and Sept. 26: At-large mixer weeks. A new feature to the club process, clubs can hold a fourth mixer within these two weeks. This is optional and must be open invitation, Dustin Vyders, student activities coordinator, said.

•Week of Oct. 3: Round-two mixers. Open invitation.

•Oct. 9-16: Visitation Week. In the past, Visitation Week was held after round-three mixers. This is also a longer week than last year's. This new system will allow members to get to know potential members. Clubs may then vote to invite potential members back to the round-three mixers based on Visitation Week. Invitation only.

•Week of Oct. 24: Round-three mixers. Invitation only.

•Week of Oct. 31: Administrative week. Clubs may use this week to prepare for Bid Day and Club Week.

•Nov. 6: Bid Day. Clubs need to give bids and jerseys to new members, making new members Class I.

•Nov. 7-11: Club Week. The former Induction Week, Club Week will feature orientation-type activities to introduce new members to each club's culture, David Collins, assistant dean of students, said. Clubs may still engage in traditional activities, including Induction books, if the activities fall within university policy, Collins said. Officials are discussing the possibility of still holding all-club devotionals and roll call throughout the week.



CAMPUS IN BRIEF

Midnight Breakfast slated for Monday

The Student Association will host a Midnight Breakfast Monday night in the cafeteria from 10 p.m. to midnight. Seniors can come beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Lacrosse team to play in tournament

The lacrosse team will play Davidson College Thursday at 1 p.m. in the National Division B Tournament in Minnesota.

If the team wins, it will play Friday in the semi-finals, but the team's seven senior players will miss Saturday's graduation. If the team loses, it will return to Searcy Friday after two consolation games.

Tennis teams fall at regionals

Harding's tennis teams were defeated by Valdosta State's teams 5-0 Friday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Valdosta, Ga.

The Bisons completed the season 16-7 overall, running its streak of double-figure victories to eight consecutive seasons. Head coach David Elliott has 724 career wins as coach of the Bisons.

The Lady Bisons finished 18-13 overall, giving the team 14 consecutive winning seasons. Elliott has 246 wins as the women's coach, making for 970 wins.

Finals schedule for May 9-13**Classes meeting daily or MWF:**

7-8:50 a.m.: Tuesday 2:40 p.m.
9:45-10:35 a.m.: Wednesday noon
10:45-11:35 a.m.: Monday 8 a.m.
11:45 a.m.-12:50 p.m.: Thursday 2:40 p.m.
1-1:50 p.m.: Wednesday 8 a.m.
2-2:50 p.m.: Monday 2:40 p.m.
3-3:50 p.m.: Tuesday noon
4-4:50 p.m.: Friday 2:40 p.m.

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1-1:50 p.m.: Monday noon
2-2:50 p.m.: Wednesday 2:40 p.m.
3-5 p.m.: Friday noon

Final examinations for night classes will be given during their normal class time.

All changes must be approved through Dr. Larry Long, vice president for Academic Affairs. Students will be charged a \$10 fee to change each exam.

Graduation is Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Ganus Athletic Center.

COMING UP

- 5.09 Finals week begins
- 5.09 Midnight Breakfast, cafeteria, 10 p.m.
- 5.14 Graduation, Ganus Athletic Center, 10 a.m.
- 5.16-7.30 Extended Session
- 5.16 Intersession classes begin
- 6.06 First session begins
- 6.09 Summer Experience 1
- 6.11 Uplift, Session 1
- 6.18 Uplift, Session 2
- 6.25 Uplift, Session 3
- 7.05 Second session begins
- 7.14 Summer Experience 2
- 7.30 Graduation, Benson, 10 a.m.



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New baseball coach brings experience

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sports editor

The Bison baseball program announced May 5 that Wayne Albury, current head coach at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tenn., has accepted the team's head coach position. Albury will begin his coaching duties this summer once his season with Lambuth is finished.

Albury will become the Bisons' eighth head coach since Harding reinstated its program in 1958. Albury is replacing current baseball coach Shane Fullerton, who was named this semester as next year's assistant Lady Bison basketball coach.

WAYNE ALBURY,
NEW BISON BASEBALL
HEAD COACH

"A great foundation has been laid at Harding by Greg Harnden [athletic director] and Coach Fullerton," Albury said. "I am looking forward

to coming in, start recruiting and continue the strong tradition at Harding."

Albury is in his 17th season as head coach and in his ninth season at Lambuth. He has a 507-358 career record and led Lambuth to the finals of this season's Mid-South Conference Tournament.

"We are excited about having a man of coach Albury's character here at Harding," Harnden said. "He has a track record of proven success."

Junior Mike Davis said the team was pleased with Albury during a meeting with him May 5.

"He made a great first impression," Davis said. "He knows the competition in our conference and wants to win."

Freshman John David Glenn said the team is already looking forward to the change.

"He seems very confident and laid back," Glenn said. "I feel very confident in what he is going bring to our program and am looking forward to the fall."

During his eight seasons at Lambuth, Albury took his team to five National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics top-20 finishes and advanced to the NAIA Region XI tournament six times,



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Sophomore Devin Watts tags first base during the April 23 game against Ouachita Baptist University. Wayne Albury, current coach of Lambuth University, was named the Bisons' new coach May 5.

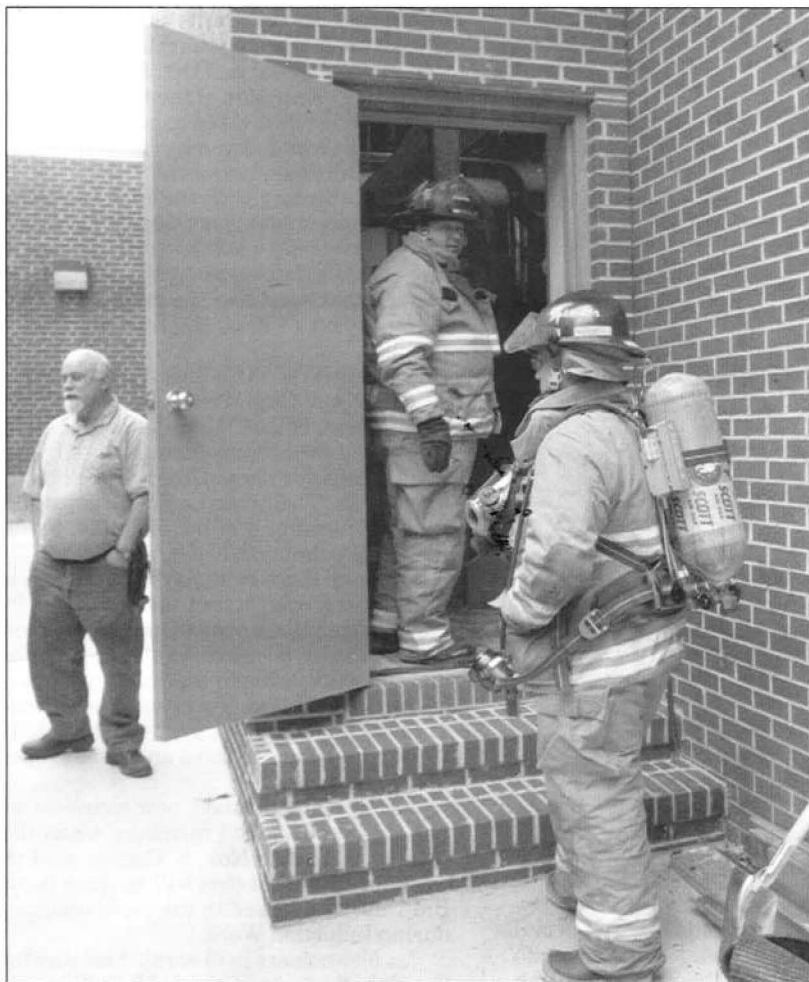
winning the regional championship and collecting a school-record 47 wins in 2002. He was named the 2003 Mid-South Conference Coach of the Year.

Albury began his head coaching experience in 1989 at Pikeville College in Pikeville, Ky. He continued his career at Union College in Barbourville, Ky., from 1992-1994, and spent a year coaching at the University of Rio Grande in Rio Grande, Ohio, in 1995-1996. Albury set single-season records at each school for victo-

ries and won three consecutive NAIA District 32 championships at Union College.

Albury attended Union College and earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1988. He received his master's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Morehead State University in 1991.

Albury's first job as head coach will be directing the Harding baseball camps this summer. ■



GREG BENENATI/The Daily Citizen

Cooling system heats up

Two Searcy Fire Department firefighters explore the machine room near the Financial Aid office, where a new chiller, a part of the cooling system, caught fire May 2. Danny DeRamus, director of physical resources, said while the cause of the fire is under investigation, construction efforts on the Heritage building will not be delayed.

McLarty, Cox share vision

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master of arts degree from the Graduate School of Religion, and his doctorate in philosophy from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. "We have a lot of potential to make an impact on students in and out of the classroom."

McLarty and Cox share a vision to help spark spiritual growth on a large scale.

"I believe that God gave me visionary gifts for a reason, and I'm glad to be in a position to dream new dreams for the College of Bible and Religion," Cox said.

McLarty said he echoes that idea. "My 'big picture' vision is to help strengthen the spiritual emphasis on the Harding campus and to help Harding do the very best job we can

do at serving the Church worldwide," McLarty said.

Burks said he has already received positive reactions about McLarty and Cox in their newly appointed roles.

"I believe the team [of McLarty and Cox] will be very good for the university," Burks said. "Both men love God and are servants at heart."

After the vice presidential position was announced Feb. 23, more than 30 names were recommended to the search committee. Eleven were chosen for further consideration and four were interviewed, according to officials.

Drs. Tom Alexander and Duane Warden, current dean and associate dean of the College of Bible and Religion, will return to full-time classroom teaching in the fall. ■

Harding Public Relations contributed to this report.

Priest to speak at graduation; seniors give parting words

REBECCA KING
editor-in-chief

Dr. Dean Priest, distinguished professor of mathematics, will deliver the commencement speech at graduation Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Ganus Athletic Center to an audience of seniors, students, friends and family.

President David Burks said the university selected Priest to speak because of his example to students.

"Dr. Priest was selected to speak because he has been such a wonderful example of a Christian leader on campus, and he is the kind of person we would hold up to graduates to model their life after," Burks said. "His commitment to the church, God, his family, teaching and the entire Harding community has been wonderful."

A Harding faculty member since 1962, Priest has served as vice president for academic affairs, chairman of the mathematics department, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and dean of the College of Sciences, after the former college divided. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Harding and his Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Mississippi. Priest received Harding's Distinguished Teacher Award in 1969, 1974 and 1984.

Approximately 627 students will graduate and 53 students with unfulfilled requirements will walk Saturday at the ceremony.

Senior Ingrid Osorio, an international business and marketing double major from Panama City, Panama, plans to work for a research team and go on two mission campaigns to Panama this summer before looking for a job in the fall. Graduation brings about mixed feelings for her.

"It is a combined feeling. I am really excited about it because I will be the first person graduating from my family," Osorio said. "But I am really sad because ... I am going back to [Panama] and I know there will be people [at Harding] I will not see again."

Senior Sam Peters, an early childhood education major with certification to teach special education from Little Rock, Ark., received a graduate assistantship to work in the career center and plans to pursue as masters of science in counseling degree.

He welcomes graduation as a chance to start living as an adult.

"For me, I'm ready to be a grown-up," Peters said. "I will be living on my own and going to graduate school. I will be treated as an adult, and that is something that will be different. It has been weird this year, being checked in at 11 p.m. when I am 23. I am pretty sure my RA is younger than I am, Peters said." ■



PRIEST